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For: CERVICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
PROSTHESIS INCLUDING ANTI-  
DISLOCATION DEVICE AND  
INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPLANTATION  
THEREOF (AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: J. R. Sigler

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Action dated August 18, 2008, Applicants elect Group I, claims 23-34, and Species A, claims 23-27 and 32-34, for continued examination, without traverse. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that claim 23 is generic.

In the event the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing

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